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SENATE BILL 2924

By Blackburn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 71, to enact "The Millennial TennCare Health Coverage Reform and Renewal Act".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The title of this act is, and may be cited as, "The Millennial TennCare Health Coverage Reform and Renewal Act".

SECTION 2. The General Assembly finds that it is a privilege to offer or administer health care coverage in the state of Tennessee and that as a condition concurrent to exercising such privilege, in addition to any other conditions set forth by law, including, but not limited, to payment of premium taxes, persons offering health care coverage should coordinate with the state's TennCare medical assistance program. Therefore, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-117(d), is hereby amended by deleting the last sentence in its entirety and adding the following subsections:

(1) The deadline for delivering responses shall be thirty (30) days following the date upon which the request was made. If the last date for timely delivery is a legal holiday or a Saturday or Sunday, then the next immediate non-holiday or Monday, whichever occurs first, shall be the last date for timely delivery;

(2) Responses shall conform to the data layout in form, content and type as specified in the commissioner's request; and

(3) Any person or entity, having received a request pursuant to this section whose response fails to conform in all respects to the specification or is delivered subsequent to thirty (30) days following receipt shall be liable to the commissioner in an amount equal to one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day such response is non-conforming or is received after its deadline.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.